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C2 14 ~~14~~. (Twice Amended) A support device for a cableway [of the kind] comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, wherein the support device is connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables attached to the cableway and being branched off downwardly therefrom in order to define the radius of curvature of the branched off cables, the support device comprising a support element constituted by a curved plate which is connectable with the cableway at an upper portion thereof, a fixing element introducable into a space defined between a lower surface of the upper portion of the support element and an upper surface of the bottom of the cableway, whereby said support element is adapted to cause a curve in the cable supported thereon.

C3 17 ~~17~~. (Amended) A support device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature of the branched off cables, wherein the support [element] device is at an upper portion thereof connectable with a transversely extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the cableway, said upper portion of said support [element] device being connectable to the transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, and a fixing element introducable into a space defined between a lower surface of the upper portion of the support device and an upper surface of the bottom of the cableway.

18 ~~18~~. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim ~~17~~, wherein the support [element] device is adapted to be releasably connected with the cableway.

19 ~~19~~. (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim ~~17~~, wherein the support [element] device is constituted by a curved plate.

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20 ~~22~~. (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim ~~21~~<sup>19</sup>, wherein the support  
[element] device is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace  
the support [element] device from the lower side of the cableway up through the  
bottom of the cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread  
elements of the bottom of the cableway are received in the slots.

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23. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 22] A support device for  
a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side  
walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements  
positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements  
connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being  
releasably connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables  
branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature  
of the branched off cables, wherein the support device is constituted by a curved plate  
and at an upper portion thereof is adapted to be connectable with a transversely  
10 extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the  
cableway, said upper portion of said support device adapted to be connectable to the  
transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, the  
support element is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace  
the support device from the lower side of the cableway up through the bottom of the  
15 cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread elements of the  
bottom of the cableway are received in the slots, and wherein the upper portion of the  
support [element] device constitutes a downwardly bent edge portion which is adapted  
to be hooked over a transversely extending thread element of the bottom of the  
cableway when connecting the support [element] device to the cableway.

24. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 22] A support device for  
a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and two side  
walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread elements  
positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread elements  
5 connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device being  
releasably connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables

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10 branched off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature  
of the branched off cables, wherein the support device is constituted by a curved plate  
and at an upper portion thereof is adapted to be connectable with a transversely  
extending thread element of the cableway at a desired place of the bottom of the  
15 cableway, said upper portion of said support device adapted to be connectable to the  
transversely extending thread element without modification of the cableway, the  
support element is at its upper portion formed with slots making it possible to displace  
the support device from the lower side of the cableway up through the bottom of the  
cableway to a position in which the longitudinally extending thread elements of the  
bottom of the cableway are received in the slots, and wherein the upper portion of the  
support [element] device is formed with a groove extending perpendicular to the slots  
and adapted to receive a transversely extending thread element of the bottom of the  
cableway.

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Claim 27, line 1, delete "26" and substitute therefor --17--.

22 28. (Amended) A support device as claimed in claim [26] 19, wherein the  
fixing element is introducable into an undercut groove provided at the lower surface of  
the upper portion of the support [element] device.

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26 28. (Amended) [A support device as claimed in claim 19, whereby] A support  
device for a cableway of substantially U-shaped cross-section and having a bottom and  
two side walls, the cableway comprising a plurality of longitudinally extending thread  
elements positioned at a distance from each other and transversely extending thread  
5 elements connecting the longitudinally extending thread elements, the support device  
being connectable with the cableway for forming a support surface for cables branched  
off downwardly from the cableway in order to define the radius of curvature of the  
branched off cables, wherein the support device is at an upper portion thereof  
connectable with a transversely extending thread element of the cableway at a desired  
10 place of the bottom of the cableway, said upper portion of said support device being  
connectable to the transversely extending thread element without modification of the  
cableway, and wherein the support [element] device has support surfaces at both sides  
of its upper portion.